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Attorney Docket No.	96700/879
First Inventor	Stanley M. Crain
Title	METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR TREATING IRRITABLE BOWEL...
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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- Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Specification [Total Pages 23] (*preferred arrangement set forth below*)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
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 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
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- Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets]
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- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (*Should be specifically itemized*)
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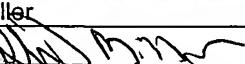
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 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 10/114,909.....

Prior application information: Examiner Raymond J. Henley III Art Unit: 1614
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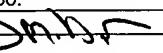
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Re: Rule 1.53(b) Continuation Application of
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/114,909
Title: METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR TREATING
IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME USING LOW DOSES
OF OPIOID RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS
Inventor: Stanley M. Crain, Ke-Fei Shen and Gerald M. Fleischner
Our File: 96700/879

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), enclosed please find a continuation application in the names of Stanley M. Crain, Ke-Fei Shen and Gerald M. Fleischner, entitled "METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR TREATING IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME USING LOW DOSES OF OPIOID RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS," including the following:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal Sheet (1 page);
2. a true copy of the prior application, including specification (17 pages); claims (5 pages); abstract (1 page);
3. a copy of the Declaration as originally filed in the parent application (4 pages);

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